

MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 16th JUNE 2022 - held at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton

Present: Councillors Marshall-Grint, (Chair), Border, Merry, Harper, Edwards, Lamb, Simpson, Nurse, Blood

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, 2 members of the public

1. To accept any apologies

Cllr Cox, Cllr Kilham - apologies were accepted. Apologies also - Cllr Nockolds and Cllr Daubney.

2. Declarations of Interest – None

3. New Councillor to sign paperwork – Simon Lemmon was not able to attend the meeting, so this will be deferred to the July meeting.

4. Minutes of last meeting - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Thursday 5th May be accepted.

5. Matters Arising - Nothing to report.

6. Law and Order

- Cllr Simpson has completed a review form regarding the SNAP meetings.
- The Clerk has sent PC Allcock the notes from the meeting with Cruso Wilkin regarding the haulage lorries in the village and access through the marshes.

7. Open Forum

- A resident thanked the PC and the village hall committee for their hard work putting on the jubilee celebration events.
- Cllr Nockolds sent an email to “congratulate those who were involved with the celebrations over the Jubilee Bank Holiday. The Beacon lighting, the Park party and the Village Hall street party were well organised and enjoyed by so many residents, well done.”

8. Correspondence

- A resident living along Manor Road has written to ask if the 2 large oak trees near his property could be pollarded, as the overhanging branches are causing the family a problem. As the trees are TPO'd the matter will be passed to the Borough Council tree officer.
- A resident asked if metal detecting was allowed in Wootton Woods – as this is owned by Lord Howard, it was agreed to forward the correspondence to his office.

9. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd		£89,658.82
002179	South Wootton Parish Council	2,022.39
002180	Total Energies - Apr 22	1,059.46
002181	CGM - Greens and Park - May	674.69
002182	Westcotec - May 22	250.48
002182	Westcotec - June 22	250.48
002182	Westcotec - Replacement columns	4,260.00
002183	Jet Reach - Bins, May 22	50.00
002183	Jet Reach - Graffiti removal, bus stop	25.00
002184	Total Energies - May 22	1,021.45

002185	Collective Community Planning	1,140.00
002186	R Curtis - Expenses incl Veolia	293.59
002187	R Curtis - N Plan Apr-May 22	167.58
002188	R Curtis - Salary Jun 22	544.70
002189	E Manning - Internal Audit	150.00
002190	Picnic on the Park	20.00
		11,929.82

Income

Made Up As Follows;

Saffron Building Society	£14,244.68
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£65,174.00
Lloyds Current A/C	£17,541.33
	£96,960.01

The Parish Council agreed responses to Section 1 of the annual external audit form, all were 'yes'.
The Parish Council approved the accounting statements in Section 2 of the annual external audit form.

10. Highways

- There are weeds in the gutters around the village – Action: Clerk to report to the Rangers.
- The dip in the road underneath the Wootton Park gate is getting deeper, this will need to be looked at.
- Potholes on the corner of Nursery Lane – Action: Clerk to report.
- There was some discussion about whether contractors let the PC know when they are going to dig up pathways and roads. Private contractors do not, however if there is a total road closure NCC with inform the Parish. Clerk to investigate whether there is a list of planned maintenance so that the PC is aware of potential disruption.
- SAM 2 sign positions are being looked at by the Clerk and Cllr Blood. Action: Confirm positions and send to NCC.

11. Wootton Park

- Thanks goes to all involved in the Picnic on the Park event, especially the football club.
- The tree canopy may need some replanting as some specimens did not survive.
- The rusted cycle restrictors have been removed and replaced with bollards.
- Flowers on the North Wootton strip are looking nice.

Cllr Marshall-Grint gave a vote of thanks and appreciation to Cllr Border and everyone involved in their work for the successful jubilee events.

12. Street Lighting

- The lamps have now all been replaced with LED's. Awaiting invoice from Westcotec. Action: Clerk to withdraw money from the Saffron account as previously agreed to help fund the project. Clerk to contact Total Energies to inform them of the change and apply the reduced electricity rate.

13. Planning

Applications considered

22/00895/F – Extension at 4 Hayfield Road - Support

22/00703/F - External change of materials & internal alterations to Seacroft Ling Common Road, PE30 3RE - Support

22/00667/F - Extensions and Alterations at 41 Wheatley Drive, PE30 3QQ – Support

- Decisions received

22/00539/F - North Wootton 5 Old Rectory Close, PE30 3RG - Extensions and Alterations- Application Permitted

22/00667/F - North Wootton 41 Wheatley Drive, PE30 3QQ - Extensions and Alterations - Application Permitted

19/01622/F – Developers have appealed the decision to refuse the application for the for the proposed residential development application at the House on the Green. It was agreed that the PC had no further comments to make.

14. Neighbourhood Plan – to hear an update on work relating to this

The group are currently working on evidence for areas to be included in the plan – local green spaces, key views and non-designated heritage assets. To encourage community involvement the Clerk will ask residents via the newsletter if they have any areas to be considered to be included, this will also go on the Woottons Community facebook page. The consultants will present a first draft of the plan on 18th July, if any Councillors would like to attend that meeting they are welcome.

15. Village Hall

There is currently £38,000 in the bank account and bookings are solid. The village market and flea markets continue to be successful. There has been a work day where some painting was carried out and concrete pads cleared for sheds at the back of the hall. Cllr Marshall-Grint thanked Cllr Lamb for all his hard work in managing the jubilee beacon lighting on 2nd June and party on the 4th. Both were great events and Cllr Lamb received a certificate from Bruno Peek in recognition of the beacon lighting.

16. The Village

- There is a bench ready to go within the green canopy at the end of Cranmer Ave.
- The pyramid on Priory Lane is in need of a clean and possible sand blasting – this will be looked at by Cllr Lamb.
- The condition of the North Wootton sign on the green is deteriorating. The post is rotting and the sign shrinking away from the metal rim. Action: Clerk to look at getting a quote from a sign restoration specialist.
- There is a dead tree outside 2 Manor Road which Cllr Border will chop down and remove.
- The Clerk reported on correspondence received from Hayes and Storr regarding NCC requesting an overage deed on the purchase of the triangle of land on Priory Lane. It was discussed that this was not something that was initially raised by NCC and would mean that if the PC was to sell the land within the period of the overage (79 years), it would have to pay a percentage to NCC. The PC does not intend to sell the land as it will be kept as a green open space for the village. Hayes and Storr would require a fee for including the overage into the purchase and this will be an additional £500 plus VAT. Action: Clerk to reply to Hayes and Storr and ask them to query this with NCC.
- Following on from a meeting attended by Cllrs Border and Marshall-Grint with a representative from the Water Management Alliance regarding the dykes along from Station Road and into Marsh Road, there has been no further progress. Action: Cllr Marshall-Grint to follow up.
- It was suggested that the PC should have a supply of high vis vests for volunteers to wear. Action: Clerk to get 4 orange vests with 'Parish Council Volunteer' printed on.
- It has been brought to the PC's attention that there is a campsite to be operational mid July along Marsh Road, although this shows good personal enterprise the PC would like to confirm that the owners have complied with any necessary Borough Council licences etc – Action: Clerk to check with the Borough.
- The noticeboards have not been delivered yet, Action: Clerk to chase up.

17. Open Forum

Nothing to report

18. To confirm any items for the future agenda

Follow up on actions points raised above.

The meeting finished at 8.50pm

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Date 7th July 2022